

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 962 – SB 1024

March 25, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates a new Class A misdemeanor for knowingly causing a minor to attend an animal fight. Any punishment must include a fine between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Creates a Class E felony for second or subsequent convictions for animal fighting that involves a cock.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$17,000 Highest Projected Cost of the Next 10  
Years/Incarceration\*

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005199):** Deletes provision that makes a second or subsequent conviction for cock fighting a Class E felony.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The bill as amended creates a Class A misdemeanor for knowingly causing a minor to attend an animal. It is assumed that there will not be a significant number of misdemeanor convictions created by the bill.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study of incarceration costs and fines, collection of fines for criminal offenses is negligible. There will not be a significant increase in revenue as a result of the mandatory minimum fines for these offenses.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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